

UNITED STATES AIR FORCE ACADEMY

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT APPOINTMENT

INFORMATION FOR

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AUTHORITY: U. S. Air Force Academy enrollment of students from the American Republics and the Republic of the Philippines began in June 1962. Enrollment of students from other countries began in 1985, as authorized by the Secretary of the Air Force.

ELIGIBILITY: Each candidate must meet the following eligibility requirements:

1. Be unmarried, with no dependents, bonafide citizen of the nominating country, and be of good moral character. Meet high leadership, academic, physical, and medical standards.
2. Be not less than 17 years of age and must not be past their 23rd birthday by 1 July of the year in which they enter the Air Force Academy.
3. Be proficient in reading, writing, and speaking contemporary English.
4. Have an acceptable academic record.
5. Achieve qualifying scores on the College Board Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) or the American College Testing (ACT). SAT Math scores below 560 or ACT Math and Science Reasoning scores below 25 are not competitive.
6. Be in good health and free of any communicable disease. In addition, each nominee must have good vision and be free of major dental problems.
7. We will need to know the service commitment of the student once they graduate and return to their country. You may send this information by separate message or with the USAFA Form 0-765.

NOMINATING METHODS: To apply for a nomination, applicants should write to their own country, **NOT** to the Academy or the United States government offices. An applicant's letter should contain complete details about their background. The number of nominations authorized for each country will be provided by the Air Force Academy. **Nominations from host governments are processed through the USDAO/American Embassy.** These nominations are to be submitted to the Air Force Academy by 31 December for the class entering the following June. Governments should submit nominations to the American Ambassador as early as possible upon receipt of official nominations from the government to which they are accredited. The Attaché should then send the nominations, **ON THE FORMS PROVIDED;** (INTERNATIONAL STUDENT NOMINATION FOR APPOINTMENT – United States Air Force Academy, USAFA Form 0-765) to HQ USAFA/RRS, 2304 Cadet Dr, Suite 2400, USAF Academy CO 80840-5025. You may notify us of nominations by message or e-mail. The candidate's complete name and date of birth must be included in the message.

ADMISSIONS FORMS: Upon receipt of the nomination, we will send your office a letter with complete instructions for each nominee to complete their application online. Please help the nominees complete all forms as soon as possible. Your office should send required documents to the Air Force Academy. All correspondence and communications concerning nominees will be routed through the Office of the Defense Air Attaché via Airmail or Department of State Pouch, as recommended by the Attaché concerned. We **DEPEND** on your timely administrative assistance.

REQUIRED INFORMATION: Please provide street address of the American Embassy, fax number, and POC with complete phone number. This information is required for express mail.

REQUIRED EVALUATIONS: All nominees will be evaluated by an American Officer using Academy Form RRS-10a (Air Force Academy Candidate Evaluation). Nominees should be ranked (number 1 being the highest recommended) by the evaluating officer. Mail the evaluation to the Director of Selections (RRS), 2304 Cadet Dr, Suite 2400, USAF Academy CO 80840-5025 by 15 March. Additionally, they will be required to complete a Writing Sample.

REQUIRED TESTS: The Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) reasoning test or the American College Test (ACT) college entrance examination is required for admissions. The Academy automatically uses whichever test produces the higher scores. The highest scores from different testing dates are used, but SAT and ACT scores will not be combined. TOEFL (Test of English as a Foreign Language) is not required. We will only accept the SAT reasoning test, **NOT** the SAT subject tests.

SAT REGISTRATION PROCEDURES: Registration materials and instructions are available by writing to the College Board ATP, PO Box 6200, Princeton NJ 08541, or Admissions Testing Program, PO Box 23470, Oakland CA 94623. The College Board code for the Academy is 4830 and should be entered on the registration form. Phone numbers are; Princeton NJ (609) 771-1758; Oakland CA (415) 654-1200. You may also contact them on the Internet at www.collegeboard.com

ACT REGISTRATION PROCEDURES: Registration instructions are available by writing to ACT Publications Office, PO Box 168, Iowa City IA 52243. The ACT code for the Academy is 0530 and should be entered on the registration form. Phone number (319) 337-1270 or at www.act.org

STUDENT STATUS: Except as the Secretary of the Air Force determines, **AN INTERNATIONAL STUDENT IS SUBJECT TO THE SAME REGULATIONS GOVERNING ADMISSIONS, DISCIPLINE, RESIGNATION, DISCHARGE, DISMISSAL AND GRADUATION AS CADETS AT THE AIR FORCE ACADEMY APPOINTED FROM THE UNITED STATES.** There are **NO** special provisions to accommodate international students because of their religious beliefs or customs. An international student will be awarded a Bachelor of Science degree if they meet degree requirements. If they do not meet the requirements for the award of the Bachelor of Science degree upon completion of the four-year program they will be given a certificate of completion which will state that they attended the United States Air Force Academy, should an international student be judged unable to profit by the academic course, become deficient in conduct or in

aptitude, or commit an offense for which another cadet would be dismissed, the Department of the Air Force will request they withdraw from the Air Force Academy.

APPOINTMENTS: Appointments are on a competitive basis and are made in early May. Candidates must have submitted all required documents, and recommendation by interviewing officer must be received by 1 April. Appointment acceptance may be made by message but must be confirmed in writing. Information concerning travel, funds, clothing, and other matters pertaining to matriculation will be provided to successful candidates promptly after receipt of acceptance of their appointment. A final report on each candidate will be forwarded to the appropriate United States official host country for notification for the nominating official of the host government.

FOOD, LODGING AND TRANSPORTATION: If an appointee arrives in Colorado Springs before the date they are scheduled to report to the Air Force Academy, they should have in their possession eighty dollars (\$100.00), per day, in American currency for food, lodging and transportation expenses. In the past, sponsors have been available for all international appointees. However, an appointee should be prepared to defray these expenses in case a sponsor is not available.

ORIENTATION PROGRAM: An excellent orientation program is available approximately seven days before the scheduled admission reporting date. During this orientation, international students have the opportunity to become familiar with the Air Force Academy, the city of Colorado Springs, the American culture, and to get acclimated to the altitude. The appointees will live with carefully chosen sponsors during this week. Participation in this program is **strongly encouraged**.

SUMMER AND CHRISTMAS VACATION: If international students wish to return to their countries during summer and Christmas vacations, **THEY MUST PAY THEIR OWN WAY THERE AND BACK**. There are no provisions for the United States government to either make travel arrangements or pay for this type of transportation.